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1. FRANK DARNELL, DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, CENTER FOR NORTHERN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH, VISITED CU/EE MARCH 11 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED ALASKA DIRECT EXCHANGE WITH A SOVIET UNIVERSITY. ALASKA'S PRESIDENT WROTE DR. JOSEPH URENCKLE, IREX SCHOLAR CURRENTLY IN USSR, ON FEBRUARY 26 AND ENCOURAGED HIM TO PROCEED WITH EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH IRKUTSK POLYTECHNIC AND MHE. CU/EE ALSO ENCOURAGED ALASKA TO PURSUE EXPLORATORY TALKS BUT SUGGESTED THAT BRENCKLE ALSO VISIT OTHER ACADEMIC CENTERS IN SIBERIA, SUCH AS NOVOSIBIRSK OR KHABAROVSK, TO CONDUCT EXPLORATORY TALKS. WE SUGGESTED BRENCKLE CONSIDER OVERALL NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA AND POTENTIAL SOVIET PARTNER UNIVERSITY BEFORE MAKING SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION. WE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT CAO WOULD BE ABLE TO BRIEF

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BRENCKLE ON MODALITIES OF DIRECT UNIVERSITY EXCHANGES,

DRAWING ON THE SUNY EXPERIENCE WITH MAURICE THOREZ AND
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2. DARNELL REPORTED HIGH INTEREST AT UNIVERSITY OF
ALASKA FOR DIRECT EXCHANGES WIT A SIBERIAN UNIVERSITY. KISSINGER

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